

Course Title: Psychology
Course Code/Codes: 1PS0
Examining Body: Pearson Edexcel

What is the aim of this course?

During this course you will be introduced to the fundamentals of psychology whilst developing critical analysis, independent thinking and research skills.

You will learn how you developed as a child, how your memory works, how depression or addiction affects people, how your brain affects you and how others affect you. You will learn through conducting psychological research.

You will also be given the choice to study two further topics including; why do people become criminals? What makes you who you are? How do you interpret the world around you? Why do you need to sleep and dream? And how do you communicate with others?

Why should I choose this course?

Have you ever wondered what makes some people behave the way they do? Why you're scared of spiders? How different things can affect your mood and even your confidence? Psychologists could hold the answers to your questions, and if they don't yet, you can be sure they are looking for them.

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour. Psychologists observe and

conduct experiments to find out more about the way people act and interact. They try to understand what motivates, challenges or changes us, and use this understanding to help us tackle personal and social problems.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: Topics 1-5

- Written exam: 1hr 45mins
- 55% of qualification

Paper 2: Research methods, Sleep and Criminal psychology

- Written exam: 1hr 20mins
- 45% of qualification

Is this course for me?

Do you... have a interest in exploring human behaviour? Want to develop an understanding of yourself and others? Want to understand why some people suffer from stress or mental illness? If you answered 'Yes', then the psychology course is right for you.

Possible career opportunities

There are a range of career choices open to you should you decide to continue your education in psychology. These include:

- Mental healthcare
- Business
- Psychologist
- Law
- Education
- Social Services & Social Studies



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